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Allocation of agenda items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 19th plenary meeting of its fifty-seventh session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/57/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 19th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Jan **Kavan**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (item 74).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 75).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 76).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 77).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 78).

6. Questions relating to information (item 79).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (item 80).

8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 81).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 82).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter VII, section D) (item 12).

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 83).

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 19).

    [The General Assembly decided to refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/57/23) relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.]

13. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (item 39).

    [The General Assembly decided to consider item 39 directly in plenary meeting on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.]

14. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).

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Question of Gibraltar

Request for hearing

Letter dated 17 September 2002 from J. J. Bossano, leader of the Opposition, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I refer to the request submitted last year, and I am hereby requesting to be given the same opportunity to address the Committee to update the members on developments since my last intervention which are relevant to the question of Gibraltar's decolonization.

...

(*Signed*) J. J. **Bossano**
Leader of the Opposition

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Miquel Mayol i Raynal, Member of the European Parliament, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

As a member of the European Parliament, I would like to request authorization to petition before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Miquel Mayol i **Raynal**
Member of the European Parliament Intergroup
"Peace of the Saharawi People"

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from José Francisco Alonso Rodríguez, President of the Human Rights League of Spain, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to transmit to this highly respected body the concerns of the organization I represent.

...

(*Signed*) José Francisco **Alonso Rodríguez**

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Juan Soroeta Liceras, Professor of International Public Law, Universidad del País Vasco (Spain), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to transmit to this highly respected body the concerns of the organization I represent.

...

(*Signed*) Juan **Soroeta Liceras**

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Cristina Navarro Poblet, Lawyer (Spain), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to transmit to this highly respected body the concerns of the organization I represent.

(*Signed*) Cristina **Navarro Poblet**

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Antonio López Ortiz, Secretary of the Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharani, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to transmit to this highly respected body the concerns of the Federation I represent.

...

(*Signed*) Antonio **López Ortiz**
Secretary of the Federación Estatal de Instituciones
Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharani

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Felipe Briones Vives, President, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Felipe **Briones Vives**
President
International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Claudina Morales, Senator (Spain), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to make known to this highly respected body the concerns of the organization I represent.

...

(*Signed*) Claudina **Morales**

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Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Juan Carlos Giraldo, President, Médicos Mundi (Andalusia, Spain), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara, in order to make known to this highly respected body the concerns of the organization I represent.

...

(*Signed*) Juan Carlos **Giraldo**

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2002 from Boukhari Ahmed, Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguía el-Hamra y del Rio de Oro (Frente POLISARIO), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

...

On behalf of the Frente POLISARIO, I would like to request you to allow me to make a statement before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Boukhari **Ahmed**
Representative
Frente POLISARIO

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 15 September 2002 from Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarity (Belgium), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I would like to request to be allowed to make a statement on the question of Western Sahara on behalf of Oxfam Solidarity, a Belgian non-governmental organization working for cooperation and development, and on behalf of European non-governmental organizations working in the field of humanitarian aid for Sahrawi refugees.

(*Signed*) Hilt **Teuwen**

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 18 September 2002 from Suzanne Scholte, President, Defense Forum Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I am writing to request the opportunity to speak before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Suzanne **Scholte**
President
Defense Forum Foundation

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 19 September 2002 from Nina May, Chairman, The Renaissance Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I am writing to request the opportunity to speak before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Nina **May**
Chairman
The Renaissance Foundation

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Request for hearing

Letter dated 18 September 2002 from Charisse Glassman, Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade, United States Department of Commerce, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I am writing to request the opportunity to speak before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Charisse **Glassman**

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Request for hearing

Letter dated 19 September 2002 from Dan Stanley, Pastor, Manna Church, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I am writing to request the opportunity to speak before the Fourth Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

...

(*Signed*) Dan **Stanley**, Ph.D
Pastor, Manna Church

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Request for hearing

Letter dated 18 September 2002 from Frank Ruddy, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

This is to request permission to speak about Western Sahara at the next session of the Fourth Committee.

...

(*Signed*) Frank **Ruddy**
United States Ambassador (retired)

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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from Joseph R. Pitts, Member of the United States Congress, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I am writing to submit a request for Ms. Karin Finkler to address the issue of Western Sahara before the Fourth Committee. I had hoped to come in person but am unable to do so and would like to send Ms. Finkler as my representative.

(*Signed*) Joseph R. **Pitts**
Member of Congress

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Request for hearing

Letter dated 25 September 2002 from Vanessa Ramos, Secretary General, American Association of Jurists, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

The American Association of Jurists respectfully requests that Gilma Camargo, Esq., appear as a petitioner before the Committee on the question of Western Sahara.

(*Signed*) Vanessa **Ramos**
Secretary General

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